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Discussion and Recommendations  
Supervisory Group at Extension Conference  
on Children and Youth

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Question:

How can supervisors implement ideas received at this Conference?

Areas Discussed:

1. Recognition of contributions Extension is making to development of a healthy personality.
2. Responsibilities to our own staff.
3. Opportunities and responsibilities beyond our own staff.
4. Responsibilities and opportunities in some special situations.

Recommendations:

1. That supervisors help extension workers recognize that they have made, and are making, a definite contribution toward developing the healthy personality of children and youth by teaching appreciation of and respect for the rural way of life; the value of good food, safe and comfortable homes, adequate clothing; satisfactions in work well done; the acceptance of civic responsibility; participation as a member of a group; sharing in happy family relationships; and developing a sense of values -- economic, social, spiritual, and ethical.
2. That there be put in motion at once, machinery to set up a course or workshop in human relationships in at least one of the regional summer school sessions for Extension workers in 1951. Colorado is suggested.
3. That in-service training programs be set up for the staff in the field of human relationships. The work conference type is suggested.
4. That States without specialists in human relations add to their staff, as soon as possible, trained personnel in this field.
5. Since family life cuts across all fields of extension work, supervisors should help all staff members to relate their programs to the development of human values.
6. That the Extension Service promote more research programs to find out what techniques are valuable in developing healthy personality in children and youth.
7. That supervisors see that the Extension Service has the opportunity in the several States to cooperate with and serve on the Governor's Committees in carrying out recommendations of the White House Conference for Children and Youth.

8. That supervisors help in getting rural representation appointed to continuing committees for the White House Conference at the State, county, and local levels.
9. That supervisors help take advantage of all opportunities to highlight the work and accomplishments of the Extension Service in the field of human relations. National Home Demonstration Week and 4-H Club Week are examples.
10. Encourage organizations of rural people to support membership of extension workers on committees along with other State agencies dealing with children and youth.
11. That the Extension Service develop programs and techniques, such as result demonstrations, to work in the field of human relations with special population groups, such as migratory workers, Indians, Eskimos, Negroes, and foreign-speaking groups. It is suggested that we obtain reports from others who have succeeded with these groups.
12. One factor in the development of a healthy personality is the contribution of good housing; therefore, the Extension Service should recognize the need for expanding its farm housing programs as rapidly as conditions permit.
13. Ask the Federal staff in field coordination (men and women) to review and analyze the findings of the five work groups at this Extension Conference on Children and Youth. The significant highlights for State extension supervisors and administrators would be included in Director Wilson's letter to the States with appropriate directives.

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